

## EARTHQUAKE.

### A Tremendous Shaking-Up in Trans-Caucasia.

Meager Details, But Three Villages Known to Have Been Destroyed.

Twenty-seven Persons Known to Be Killed and a Large Number of Others Injured—The Seismic Disturbances Were of an Appalling Nature.

ODESSA, May 20.—Dispatches have been received here telling of a catastrophe caused by an earthquake in Trans-Caucasia.

Only meager details of the calamity have as yet been learned, but it is known that three villages near the fortified town of Erivan, on the Zenghi, have been destroyed, and that twenty-seven persons have been killed and a large number of others injured.

The seismic disturbances were of an appalling character, the vibrations being so heavy that the most solid buildings in the places affected by the quake were shaken from their foundations, and sent crashing to the earth.

The inhabitants rushed terrified from their tottering homes, only to be killed or maimed by the falling structures. The most intense excitement followed the awful visitation, and many harrowing scenes were witnessed.

### ANOTHER BLOW AT IRELAND.

She Will Have Eighteen Representatives Less in Parliament.

LONDON, May 20.—In the house of commons, George Shaw-Lefevre, liberal, moved the second reading of the bill providing for the abolition of plural voting. One case referred to by the speaker was that of a clergyman who possessed fifty votes. Thomas Wallace Russell, a liberal, who is opposed to home rule, and who represents the southern division of Tyrone, moved an amendment to the bill declaring that it was inexpedient to carry out the one-man-one-vote principle until the number of representatives in Great Britain and Ireland are equally distributed. He said that, in proportion to her population, Ireland should have 81 representatives, and not 101, as at present. Closure was moved and carried; the debate was ended, and Russell's amendment was carried, 237 members voting for it and 189 against it.

### A Hiding Snow-Storm.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 20.—There was a blinding snow-storm in the southern, central and northwestern part of Wisconsin Thursday afternoon and evening. The storm approached almost to a blizzard at Portage, Columbia county, and sleet and heavy snow fell at Leland, in Pepin, and New Richmond, in St. Croix county. The Sentinel correspondent at Humboldt, Wis., says: "The heaviest snow-storm of the season began here at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, and still continues."

### California Delegates for Cleveland.

FRESNO, Cal., May 20.—The democratic state convention adjourned after electing four delegates at large to the national convention. The following are the delegates: W. W. Foote, Stephen M. White, J. O. Coleman and A. B. Butler. They announced before the convention that they were in favor of the nomination of Grover Cleveland. The convention adjourned with three cheers for Cleveland.

### A Rumor That Blaine Will Run.

BALTIMORE, May 20.—A special to the News from Washington says it is reported that Mr. Blaine has finally yielded to the pressure exercised by his friends and consented to become a candidate for the nomination. The report, it is stated, has created excitement in Washington.

### Propose to Pay for Not Prosecuted.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 20.—When the embezzlement case of Rev. W. H. Dill, ex-president of the First National bank of Clearfield, Pa., came up in the U. S. court, counsel for the defense made a proposition to compromise upon the basis of payment in full to all the depositors if the suits were withdrawn.

### Sealed With Hot Coffee.

SPRINGFIELD, O., May 20.—While the little daughter of E. W. Albin, of Greenopolis, was at the table, she poured a cup of boiling hot coffee on herself. The burning fluid went over the child's face and breast, and fears are entertained that she can not recover.

### Rivers Will Still Rise.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The government's forecast of river stages is as follows: The Cumberland and Tennessee will rise; the rise in the Ohio, the Middle and Lower Missouri, the Mississippi, the Arkansas and the Red will continue.

### Judge Blodgett Will Resign.

CHICAGO, May 20.—Judge Blodgett has announced that he will resign from the bench in the United States district court. He is to be one of the counsel for the United States in the Behring sea arbitration.

### Tore Off the Child's Head.

MUNCIE, Ind., May 20.—A four-year-old son of Peter Bronenbren succeeded in getting hold of a loaded gun and blew into the muzzle to see if it was loaded. The gun was discharged, the contents tearing off the child's head.

### Rathen in Columbus, O.

COLUMBUS, O., May 20.—This city is infested with rathen, or German measles. Old as well as young are affected, and fully a fourth of the families of the city are having or have had a case of rathen.

### Concord Won't Visit St. Louis.

CARMO, Ill., May 20.—United States warship Concord has orders to sail to New Orleans. She will not go to St. Louis as Capt. White thinks the risk too great.

### Consented to Jerry Rusk.

LONDON, May 20.—Sixteen Astrakhan sheep have arrived here on their way to the United States department of agriculture. They are sent by M. Beal, the American minister at Tchern.

## HEAVY STORMS.

The Northwest Visited by Some of the Severest Ever Known, Followed by Floods.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 20.—Reports of damage from the storms are coming in from all over the northwest, the rains of the past twenty-four hours having been especially severe. Violent wind storms have greatly increased the damage. At Crookston, Minn., Red Lake river rose four feet Wednesday night, and is still rising, the heavy rains having been getting in their work. At Madison, Minn., Thursday, the rain continued to fall thick and fast. The town is nearly under water, and there are thousands of acres of grain here that will be drowned out. A heavy rain-storm, accompanied by violent wind, struck Lakefield Wednesday night and Thursday. Five inches of water fell in eighteen hours. Sloughs are flooded, lakes full, roads impassable and many small bridges washed away. Several washouts are reported along the railway.

At Jasper, Minn., Wednesday, the worst rain-storm known for years began and continued for five hours, and considerable damage was done on public roads and bridges.

One of the most severe storms of the year struck Duluth, Minn., Thursday. The rain has been falling twenty-four hours, and the wind blew thirty-five miles an hour from the northwest. All the ice at the head of the lake is now piled up ten to twenty feet high before the entrance to the harbor of Superior. At Ninth avenue, east, where Superior street crosses a ravine, a deep cut has been made by the swollen stream, and half the width of the street washed out, including the street railway tracks. But little other damage has been done by the storm. Captains of incoming steamers report terrific weather on the big lake, and look for serious losses. On the north shore, near Port Arthur, the wind is reported to be blowing seventy miles an hour.

### EGYPTIAN LEVEE BREAKS.

Alexandria, Mo., Completely Submerged—Eleven Thousand Acres of Surrounding Land Under Water.

KEOKUK, Ia., May 20.—The Egyptian levee, which protects a vast area of bottom lands five miles below here, broke Thursday morning. The waters of the Des Moines River flood the entire district. The high wind prevailing will cause inestimable damage. The whole town of Alexandria, Mo., is completely submerged. All trains on the Keokuk and Western and the St. Louis, Keokuk and Northwestern railroads south of this point have been abandoned. The levee broke at 2 o'clock Thursday morning, and in less than half an hour the thriving little town and the 11,000 acres of wheat surrounding were one sea of water several feet deep and nearly eight miles wide. Railroads are crippled. Half a dozen houses are afloat, and all business is paralyzed.

### Lizzie Wrote on an Egg.

VALPARAISO, Ind., May 20.—A case of eggs received by a South Bend firm contained an egg on which the following inscription was written in a feminine hand with a lead pencil: "Lizzie H. Tipton's my name and I would like to get married. Address Big Foot P. O., Indiana." It is said that several loving missives have already been sent to the maiden, and others are deterred only through fear that the name of the town is a delusion.

### A Disastrous Runaway.

LIMA, O., May 20.—There was a frightful runaway here Thursday afternoon. A team of colts, hitched to a spring wagon, in which were three ladies and a boy, became frightened, and ran away, throwing the ladies out, Miss Southworth struck on her head, fracturing her skull. She will die. Mrs. Greiser was badly hurt, one arm being broken, and sustained internal injuries.

### Panther Forest Break Growing.

GREENVILLE, Miss., May 20.—On the entire line of the rise in this district there is no place that gives cause for any special anxiety. Extra forces are being called on daily to guide duty. The break at Panther Forest, in Arkansas, has now increased to one thousand feet in width, and is letting in an immense volume of water.

### Chewing the Rag.

SPRINGFIELD, O., May 20.—Charges were filed Thursday against Hal Boggs, of the Gray Hill building, charging him with making his pupils "chew the rag"; that is, Frank Weigel accused him of punishing his son by gagging him, and the rag used was second-hand, as it came fresh from a companion's mouth. The board of education will investigate.

### An American Leprosy.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 20.—The only man who has ever contracted leprosy in this country has been before the Electric Medical society. His name is John Moe, a Swedish cabinet-maker, 31 years of age, and he has been in America ten years. He contracted the disease shortly after coming here.

### Ordered Back to New Orleans.

CAIRO, Ill., May 20.—Commander White, of the man-of-war Concord, received orders Thursday night to return to New Orleans, stopping at such points on his way as he might choose to allow the people of such places to view his ship.

### St. Louis: Reinforced Flood.

ST. LOUIS, May 20.—A destructive tornado passed over St. Louis county, contributing to the misery of the flood-stricken inhabitants. A funnel-shaped cloud wrecked several farm houses. Great damage was done to crops, trees and fences.

### A Steamboat for Lake Mercer.

CELINA, O., May 20.—The steamer Kallista, with a seating capacity of 300 is to be launched upon the waters of Lake Mercer, about the first of June, by the parties owning the same, from Geneva, Ohio.

### North Carolina Democrats.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 20.—The democratic convention nominated for lieutenant-governor, R. A. Daughter, speaker of the last assembly, and for secretary of state, Octavius Coke, the incumbent, by acclamation.

## BICYCLE RIDE.

### The Great Relay Race From Chicago to New York.

Testing the Usefulness of the Bicycle as Couriers in War.

Object of the Relay Ride is Twofold: First, Agitation for Better Roads; Second, Test the Speed and Endurance of Riders in Easy Stages.

CHICAGO, May 20.—The bicyclists have made a splendid record thus far. The dispatches from the various points show that the dash exhibited at the start is not falling off. This is a relay race from Chicago to New York against time, and from the moment of the start Wednesday there was no rest and no intermission for the doughty men who are to take up the message from point to point and carry it on, like the wind, to those in waiting at the next station. All along the route the bicycle organizations are preparing to join the flyers over their respective 10 or 15 mile courses. The manager of the race from end to end, is Tom Roe, a man who has covered the distance from coast to coast, in the best time ever made, and who, as far as endurance and pluck are concerned, stands in the front rank of cyclists.

All told 1,000 miles will be covered in ninety hours or less. This means a speed of fifteen miles an hour.

The last division is between Albany and New York, a distance of 139 miles.

The third and fourth divisions are over fine stretches of road, and L. G. Colton, who is managing the distance from South Toledo to Cleveland, will take the message at the starting point, while two of the crack wheelmen of the Cleveland club will finish in that city. James Joseph, another Ohio cyclist of note, will make the start at Cleveland, covering the distance to Painesville, while two of his crack assistants will take the message at that point and ride over a magnificent bit of roadway to Ashtabula.

In accordance with the regulations two riders must start in each relay, the fastest to carry the message; but each rider starting will be asked to cover the full distance to guard against possible accidents, of which there will no doubt be quite a number.

The complete list of relay divisions for the entire trip is as follows:

First division, Chicago to Goshen, Ind.; second division, Goshen to Perrysburg, O.; third, Perrysburg to Cleveland; fourth division, Cleveland to Conneaut; fifth division, Conneaut to Northeast, sixth, Northeast to Rochester, N. Y.; seventh, Rochester to Syracuse; eighth, Syracuse to Utica; ninth, Utica to Albany; tenth, Albany to New York city.

The object of this relay ride is twofold. In the first place, it is to be the beginning of an agitation for better roads, and in the second place it is to be a test of speed and of endurance on easy as well as on difficult stretches.

It will also determine whether cyclists can be used to advantage as couriers in the military service.

The riders carry an important dispatch to Gen. Howard, of the United States army at New York. The message was delivered to them by Gen. Nelson A. Miles, commander of the department of Missouri.

FREMONT, O., May 20.—Van Dyke and Parker, the relay riders, reached here at 9:27 Thursday having left Woodville, sixteen miles west of here, at 7:20. Staedler and Van Tyne, the riders from this station, started immediately, but Staedler struck the curb of a small park in the center of the square, and damaged his rear wheel. Van Tyne discovered the obstruction just in time to stop, and he took the pouch and started on. Immediately Staedler procured a Columbia and started thirty minutes later. The roads through this section are soft, and almost unfit for a lumber wagon. It rained hard nearly all day. Van Tyne and Staedler are in good condition. Van Dyke and Parker report the road horrible west of here. The riders left here five hours and forty-seven minutes behind schedule time.

### Strange and Deadly Cattle Disease.

GUAYMAS, Mex., May 20.—An unknown plague is killing off cattle along the border, especially on the Elias range. The disease consists of a swelling of the head of the animals in an extraordinary manner, which is succeeded by general trembling or chill and a short time afterward death. The same complaint is made from Arizona cattle-men on this side of the line, and the attention of the sanitary commissioners have been called to the fact.

### Congress of Governors.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The citizens of Maury county, Tenn., have organized an association to receive and entertain all the governors of all the states at Columbia, Tenn. This proposed annual gathering of the governors of the states promises to be a more influential, though not so numerous an assembly.

### Used a Tin Cup Chain.

COLUMBUS, O., May 20.—Mrs. Nellie Warren, alias Cook, mother of Nellie Warren, now in the house of refuge at Cincinnati, attempted suicide in the city prison Thursday morning by hanging with the chain of a tin cup. She was almost dead when discovered, but will live.

### "Fortune" Swindler Moore.

LONDON, May 20.—Officials at the United States consulate have finally resolved to put an end to Moore's career, if possible, and has placed the matter in the hands of Scotland Yard officials. Moore is the party who has been swindling Americans on the "unclaimed English fortune" game.

### A Miner's Awful Fate.

NELSONVILLE, O., May 20.—Barney Hulton, a coal miner, living alone, got drunk and went home. His home caught fire and burned down. Barney was burned to death. His head, arms and legs were burned off close to his body.

## WRECKED THE BUILDING.

THE BUILDING OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, May 20.—The city of New York has a depot at the space early Thursday morning, and did a complete job in boring the safe and blowing it into atoms. The charge was so heavy that it awoke people from their sleep two blocks away from the depot. The safe was blown wide open and the office fixtures are a complete wreck. They were torn to pieces and the front of the depot was blown out. The burglars secured about \$50 in money and took some of Agent Dalton's clothing, containing some books and papers. The work is supposed to be the work of professionals in disguise. They used a tomato can for a dark lantern. This depot seems to be a mark for burglars. It has been robbed about once a year since it was built.

### Ohio Horses For Tennessee.

ZANESVILLE, O., May 20.—Hon. Frank B. Selph, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., has purchased ten head of blooded horses from D. M. Harris, of this city for \$44,000. Prophet Wilkes, pacing 2:31 1/2, the youngest son of George Wilkes, record, 2:32 by Molly, dam of Angelina, 2:18 1/2 and Gladiator, 2:27 1/2, brought \$15,000, and Dictator, by Dictator, out of Lady Patterson, by Bourbon Wilkes, second dam Amuda, dam of Secret, 2:30 1/2, third dam Fanny Shuff, dam of Tucker, 2:14, brought \$7,000. The horses will be placed on Mr. Selph's stock farm near Murfreesboro.

### Southern G. A. R. Disbanding.

NEW ORLEANS, May 20.—The department of Louisiana and Mississippi G. A. R. has passed resolutions surrendering the division charter because Commander-in-chief Palmer suspended the division commander for not recognizing the colored posts. Only two members voted against the disbandment of the division. The resolutions advise the eight white posts in the division to follow the example of the encampment. The G. A. R. thus loses 600 members, who will organize for benevolent work among union veterans.

### Another Negro Lynched.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 20.—Charles Everett, a Negro, who attempted to criminally assault Miss Jessie Hulbert at Manchester, Tuesday night, was taken from jail Thursday morning by an armed mob and hanged to a railroad trestle. The mob has been desperate for two days past, and 100 men from Tullahoma stole an engine to go to Manchester, but couldn't run the machine. They then drove through the country to Manchester, and, storming the jail, lynched the man.

### Heavy Damage Suits in Order.

ROSLYN, Wash., May 20.—The coroner's jury, which has been investigating the cause of the explosion in the coal mine here a week ago, in which forty-five men were killed, found that the explosion was the result of deficient ventilation. The verdict will probably result in a large number of damage suits being brought against the company by relatives of the deceased miners.

### As High as a Hundred.

STOUT CITY, Ia., May 20.—According to the latest telegrams the flood has been even more disastrous in its results than was at first anticipated. The estimates as to the loss of life vary from 40 to 100. No list can yet be given of the dead. In fact the terrorized people have sought refuge in so many quarters that it is impossible to exactly figure what the number on the death roll will be.

### Ignored the Law.

MAYSVILLE, Ky., May 20.—The new constitution says that in all elections by persons of a representative capacity the voting shall be viva voce. In direct violation of the clause, this county, which is composed of twenty-six magistrates, Wednesday elected by ballot a jail physician, infirmary superintendent and directors. The election will be contested.

### The Senate Favors a Bigger Navy.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The senate Wednesday adopted the senate amendment to the naval appropriation bill by a vote of yeas 38, nays 18. The amendment provides for the construction of one sea-going coast line battle-ship, one harbor defense, double-turret ship, of the monitor type, four light draft gunboats, and six torpedo boats. The bill was then passed.

### The Comet.

CHICAGO, May 20.—The comet discovered by Prof. Swift, of Rochester, several months ago, is visible now just above the horizon near the constellation of Pegasus at about 3 a. m. Besides eight tails from the body of the comet there appears to be a ninth attached to one of the main appendages.

### The Next Ohio Librarian.

COLUMBUS, O., May 20.—The sudden, unlooked for death of State Librarian Tuthill creates a vacancy which Gov. McKinley will be obliged to fill at once. But one name is mentioned in connection with this appointment, that of Joseph B. Smith.

### Died of Blood Poisoning.

CINCINNATI, May 20.—Dr. Thomas B. Talbott, ex-corporal of Butler county, died at the Good Samaritan hospital of this city, of blood poisoning, resulting from a prick in the finger with a needle while attending a patient in Hamilton.

### Steamer Sunk.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., May 20.—The steamer Josephine was sunk Wednesday. This is the first accident in the Soo this season. The steamer was owned by the Chesterton Bros., Toledo, and valued at \$40,000.

### The Dog Forgave Him.

GALLIPOLIS, O., May 20.—With tears in his eyes Thomas Moore wept over the body of his dog, which he had beaten to death, as he supposed, for killing sheep, it being afterward ascertained that another canine was guilty.

### Held at the Age of 103 Years.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., May 20.—Daniel Baugh, 103, residing near this city, has just passed his 103rd year and is still hale and hearty.

## CONDENSED NEWS.

Gathered from All Parts of the Country by Telegraph.

The town of Salt, N. H., is five feet under water. The damage to property and stock is immense. All business is at a standstill.

The controller of the currency has called for a report of the condition of all national banks at the close of business Tuesday, May 17.

At Memphis the state Episcopal convention Thursday adopted a resolution favoring the establishment of a separate diocese for West Tennessee.

Senator Geary's wife has received a letter from him in which he says he does not care to live with her. An effort will be made to unseat him.

At Lyons, N. Y., Oliver Curtis Perry, the train robber, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to forty-three years and three months on four indictments.

The department of state has received a cablegram announcing the death at Liverpool of John M. Anderson, United States consul-general, at Cairo, Egypt.

The nine-year-old son of James Gess, of Gosport, Ind., was bitten by a rabid dog. The boy was taken to Terre Haute, where a madstone adhered to the wound for five hours.

At Dunsmuir, Cal., W. N. Rial attempted to ford the river with a wagon containing several boys. The wagon overturned and Tommy Murphy and Willie Hanson were drowned.

The president and Mrs. Harrison, accompanied by Dr. Gardner, returned to Washington, Thursday afternoon, on the light house steamer Jessamine. Mrs. Harrison is very weak and did not derive much benefit from the trip.

Senator R. Q. Mills, of Texas, who was the last senator sworn in and had to take the most undesirable seat on the democratic side, has changed his seat to the one vacated by the death of Mr. Harbourn, of Virginia.

The republican territorial convention was held at Salt Lake City. Strong resolutions were adopted endorsing Harrison's administration. The delegates elected to Minneapolis were C. C. Goodwin, of the Tribune, and G. W. Allen.

The international conference of Brethren of Christ, commonly called "The River Brethren," has opened at Stevensville, Ont., with nearly 200 representatives from the several churches in the United States and Canada in attendance.

A special from Mexico, Mo., says a heavy rainfall of frogs took place five miles from that town last night. The largest fall was on the farm of Philip Shearer, who estimated the number that he saw at 8,000 or 10,000. The frogs were of all sizes and alive.

The Manchester Courier (Conservative) publishes a rumor that in the event of the liberal party winning at the coming general elections for the house of commons, Mr. Gladstone will seize an early opportunity to enter the house of lords, wherein he will direct his party.

The counting of the silver currency of Austro-Hungary shows the entire stock to be of the value of \$15,000,000 sterling; which is much less than was generally believed. It is probable that instead of any being sold, silver will have to be bought to meet the demand for small coin.

## THE MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, May 20.—FLOUR—Winter patent, \$4.50; 4.00; fancy, \$4.50; 4.10; family, \$4.25; 3.40 extra, \$3.85; 3.15; low grade, \$2.00; 2.50; spring patent, \$4.40; 4.00; spring family, \$4.00; 3.40; spring, \$3.00; 2.50; 2.00; 1.50; 1.00; 50c; 40c; 30c; 20c; 10c; 5c; 2c; 1c; 1/2c; 1/4c; 1/8c; 1/16c; 1/32c; 1/64c; 1/128c; 1/256c; 1/512c; 1/1024c; 1/2048c; 1/4096c; 1/8192c; 1/16384c; 1/32768c; 1/65536c; 1/131072c; 1/262144c; 1/524288c; 1/1048576c; 1/2097152c; 1/4194304c; 1/8388608c; 1/16777216c; 1/33554432c; 1/67108864c; 1/134217728c; 1/268435456c; 1/536870912c; 1/1073741824c; 1/2147483648c; 1/4294967296c; 1/8589934592c; 1/17179869184c; 1/34359738368c; 1/68719476736c; 1/137438953472c; 1/274877906944c; 1/549755813888c; 1/1099511627776c; 1/2199023255552c; 1/4398046511104c; 1/8796093022208c; 1/17592186044416c; 1/35184372088832c; 1/70368744177664c; 1/140737488355328c; 1/281474976710656c; 1/562949953421312c; 1/1125899906842624c; 1/2251799813685248c; 1/4503599627370496c; 1/9007199254740992c; 1/18014398509481984c; 1/36028797018963968c; 1/72057594037927936c; 1/144115188075855872c; 1/288230376151711744c; 1/576460752303423488c; 1/1152921504606846976c; 1/2305843009213693952c; 1/4611686018427387904c; 1/9223372036854775808c; 1/18446744073709551616c; 1/36893488147419103232c; 1/73786976294838206464c; 1/147573952589676412928c; 1/295147905179352825856c; 1/590295810358705651712c; 1/1180591620717411303424c; 1/2361183241434822606848c; 1/4722366482869645213696c; 1/9444732965739290427392c; 1/18889465931478580854784c; 1/37778931862957161709568c; 1/75557863725914323419136c; 1/151115727451828646838272c; 1/302231454903657293676544c; 1/604462909807314587353088c; 1/1208925819614629174706176c; 1/2417851639229258349412352c; 1/4835703278458516698824704c; 1/9671406556917033397649408c; 1/19342813113834066795298816c; 1/38685626227668133590597632c; 1/77371252455336267181195264c; 1/154742504910672534362390528c; 1/309485009821345068724781056c; 1/618970019642690137449562112c; 1/1237940039285380274899124224c; 1/2475880078570760549798248448c; 1/4951760157141521099596496896c; 1/9903520314283042199192993792c; 1/19807040628566084398385987584c; 1/39614081257132168796771975168c; 1/79228162514264337593543950336c; 1/158456325028528675187087900672c; 1/316912650057057350374175801344c; 1/633825300114114700748351602688c; 1/1267650600228229401496703205376c; 1/2535301200456458802993406410752c; 1/5070602400912917605986812821504c; 1/10141204801825835211973625643008c